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14. Appoint the time and place for holding the succeeding annual conference.

Should there be any unfinished business reported as standing on the past year's journal, it may be taken up under its proper head, or at any time the conference may deem proper; and any extra matter may be introduced after the regular business shall have been completed.

Brother Williams also submitted the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the following be recommended as the routine of business to be observed by the quarterly conferences:

1. When the conference shall have been organized, the list of members shall be read over, noting those present or absent. In calling over the list of names, the secretary shall give sufficient time to admit of objection, if there be any.
2. Take up and investigate such objections as may have been made against any members of the conference while reading the list.
3. Hear and decide on appeals.
4. Grant licenses to exhort and to preach, and renew licenses; recommend for orders, and to serve under the stationing authority of the annual conference.
5. Receive ministers and preachers who apply for admission, or come from any other circuit, station or district.
6. Make such changes in the times and places for preaching as may be deemed requisite, and if necessary, a plan of appointments.
7. Attend to additions and corrections of the register.
8. Appoint the advisory committee to the superintendent.
9. The first quarterly conference in the conference year, to appoint a committee of examination.
10. Fix upon the place for holding the succeeding quarterly conference.

Incidental business may be taken up and disposed of when the regular business shall have been completed.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the journal and papers of the General Conference be deposited with the book committee for safe keeping after the publishing committee shall have performed their duty.

On motion of brother Springer, it was *Resolved*, That the journals of the conference be published in pamphlet form, under the direction of the book committee.

On motion of brother Reese, it was *Resolved*, That it is the judgment of this conference that the superintendents and assistants are members of the quarterly conferences in the different circuits and stations where they may be appointed to labour; but not ultimately responsible to the quarterly conference.

On motion of brother Chappell, the minutes of the day were read and approved, and then, after prayer by brother Springer, the conference finally adjourned.

NICHOLAS SNETHEN, *President*.

W. C. LIPSCOMB, *Secretary*.

THOMAS JEWELL, *Assistant*.

Georgetown, D. C. May 22, 1834.

JOURNAL.

THE SECOND GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, having been called by a constitutional majority of the several Annual Conferences, met in the Methodist Protestant Church, in the City of Pittsburgh, Tuesday morning, 9 o'clock, May the 15th, 1838.

Bro. Moses M. Henkle was appointed president pro. tem. and Thomas W. Pearson, secretary pro. tem. After reading a portion of the word of God, singing, and prayer by brother Henkle, the conference proceeded to business.

Resolved, That a committee on elections and privileges be appointed, consisting of three members. Geo. Brown, P. S. Graves and W. Kesley said committee.

The committee on elections reported the following brethren as members of the conference.

MARYLAND CONFERENCE.

Ministerial.

William Kesley,
Thomas H. Stockton,
Luther J. Cox,
†William C. Lipscomb.

Lay.

E. Crutchley,*
J. Clark,
T. C. Browne,
J. S. Zeiber.*

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

†Dr. Crawley Finney.

James M. Smith.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

Samuel J. Harris.

L. H. B. Whitaker.

GEORGIA CONFERENCE.

R. A. Blount.

Charles Kennon.*

ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

P. S. Graves.

B. S. Bibb.*

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

R. W. Morris.*

James L. Armstrong.

OHIO CONFERENCE.

B. W. Johnson,*

William Disney†

M. M. Henkle,†

J. J. Amos,*

John Clark †

S. Bell,*

Saul Henkle. (dec.)

M. Lyon.†

PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE.

A. Shinn,†

J. Carey,†

G. Brown,†

J. Bell,†

J. Elliott,†

E. Hoskins,†

E. Woodward,†

T. McKeever,†

C. Springer,†

J. Barnes,†

C. Avery,†

W. Garrard,

D. B. Dorsey.†

B. Connell.†

Tuesday afternoon.

Conference met at three o'clock, reading, singing and prayer by Bro. Kesley.

The roll having been called the following brethren answered to their names, viz: Kesley, Blount, M. M. Henkle, Shinn, G. Brown, Elliott, Woodward, Springer, Pearson, Ambler, Burge, Croker, Collins, Graves, Armstrong, Disney, Lyon, Hoskins and Green.

The committee on rules of order made the following report, which was received and adopted.

Rule 1st. The Conference shall be opened by reading a portion of the word of God, and concluded by prayer, under the direction of the President; and in his absence, the opening of the Conference, shall be under the direction of the Secretary, after which, if the President be still absent, a President pro. tem. shall be appointed.

Rule 2d. The hours of meeting shall be 9 o'clock in the morning and 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Rule 3d. At the meeting of the Conference each day, the minutes of the preceding day, shall in the first place be read, and errors, if any, corrected, after which, reports of committees shall have precedence of all other business.

Rule 4th. All motions and addresses shall be made to the chair standing, and whilst a member is speaking, none shall pass between him and the President, or hold discourse with another.

Rule 5th. The President may call any member to the chair when he wishes to participate in debate, or for other purposes.

Rule 6th. Every motion made and seconded, except motions to adjourn and verbal amendments shall, if required by the Secretary, or any member, be handed to the chair in writing, signed by the mover and seconder, and be read aloud by the Secretary before any debate or question is had thereon.

Rule 7th. If two or more members rise to speak at the same time, it shall be determined by the President, which of them is entitled to the floor.

Rule 8th. No interruption shall be suffered while a member is addressing the chair, but by a call of order by the President, or a member of the Conference; in such cases the member making the call, shall state the grounds on which he makes it, and the member supposed to be out of order shall have an opportunity to explain, when all debates shall cease. All questions of order shall be decided by the President, agreeably to the rules adopted by the Conference for its government: provided, however, that any member may, by obtaining a second, appeal to the Conference from the decision of the chair; but the question shall be taken thereon without debate.

Rule 9th. Any member making a motion, may withdraw it

PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE.

Ministerial.

A. Woolston. †

Lay.

W. S. Stockton. †

NEW YORK CONFERENCE.

T. W. Pearson,

William Wood,*

J. L. Ambler.

William Stead.*

GENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

Michael Burge.

Sylvester Beecher.

CHAMPLAIN CONFERENCE.

J. B. Goodenough.*

Nathan Green.

VERMONT CONFERENCE.

John Croker.

A. McLaughlin.*

BOSTON CONFERENCE.

John McLeish.*

W. Wyman.*

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE.

Wm. H. Collins.

R. A. Shipley.*

Those marked thus * were absent.

† Wm. C. Lipscomb of the Maryland Annual Conference not being able to attend, John H. Kennard by authority of the college was appointed in his place.

† Dr. C. Finney not being able to attend, R. B. Thompson was appointed in his place.

Resolved, That the rules of order of the last General Conference be our rules of order for the present, with the exception of the second.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to revise the rules of order. Com.—E. Woodward, P. S. Graves and M. Lyon.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to regulate the appointments for preaching during the session of the Conference. Com.—G. Brown, A. Shinn and J. Elliott.

Resolved, To appoint a standing committee of five on Annual Conference Boundaries.

Resolved, That we appoint three additional standing committees by ballot, viz: an executive, a judiciary, and a literary. The two former to consist of five members, and the latter seven.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the executive committee to inquire into the expediency of modifying our discipline in relation to all executive officers and executive bodies of our Church, and report thereon.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the judiciary committee to inquire into the expediency of modifying our rules of discipline in relation to all judiciary proceedings, and report thereon.

Resolved, That brothers Snethen, Harries, Kelly, Hughes, Fall and Johnson be honorary members of this Conference.

Adjourned, prayer by brother Springer.

Brown, Springer, Pearson, Ambler, Burge, Croker, Collins, Graves, Smith, Whitaker, Armstrong, Disney, Lyon, McKeever and Green.

The journal read and approved.

Resolved, That brother Beatty be assistant secretary pro tem.

Resolved, That the resolution determining the ratio of representation to the General Conference, found on the 34th page of the discipline be repealed.

On motion of brother Springer,

Resolved, That the Conference proceed to the election of the standing committees.

The Executive Committee.—Brothers Kesley, Graves, Shinn, Hoskins and Armstrong.

The Judiciary Committee.—Brothers Geo. Brown, Springer, Clark, of Ohio, Blount and Greene.

The Literary Committee.—Brothers Cox, W. S. Stockton, Avery, Springer, Clark, of O., P. S. Graves, and J. Clark, of Md.

The committee on Annual Conference Boundaries was then appointed: brothers Woodward, Harris, Croker, Collins and Bell said committee.

Rev. C. Avery and A. Woolston appeared and took their seats.

Adjourned with prayer by brother Woodward.

Wednesday afternoon, 3 o'clock.

Conference met, reading and prayer by brother Burge.

The roll having been called, the following brethren answered to their names: Kesley, Harris, Blount, Henkle, Clark, Brown, Elliott, Woodward, Springer, Woolston, Pearson, Ambler, Burge, Croker, Collins, Graves, Smith, Whitaker, Armstrong, Disney, Lyon, Hoskins and Green.

Resolved, That a standing committee of three be appointed on means of grace. Com.—Elliott, Green and Smith.

Resolved, That the Rev. W. W. Arnett be invited to take an honorary seat within the bar of Conference.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed on Foreign and Home Missions. Com.—Collins, Whitaker and Woolston.

Resolved, That a financial committee of three be appointed. Com.—Lyon, Connell and J. Bell.

Resolved, That the election of president and secretaries take place to-morrow immediately after opening the morning session.

Adjourned, prayer by brother Elliott.

Thursday morning, 9 o'clock.

Conference met, reading and prayer by brother Graves.

The roll was called, journal read and approved.

The order of the day was taken up. Brother A. Shinn was elected president, and brother T. W. Pearson secretary.

before the question is taken thereon by leave of the Conference.

Rule 10. No member shall speak oftener than twice upon the same question without special leave of the Conference, except to explain; nor shall he speak a second time till every member who wishes the privilege shall have spoken once; and no person shall be permitted to speak longer than twenty five minutes at the same time without leave of the Conference.

Rule 11th. All motions or resolutions shall at the request of any member, be divided when the sense will admit of it.

Rule 12th. The appointment of all committees shall be by the President, except otherwise directed by the Conference, in which case it shall be by ballot.

Rule 13th. The number of which any committee may be composed shall be determined by the Conference, the question being taken upon the highest number first and so on until the Conference decides upon the number.

Rule 14th. No personal remark will be allowed against any individual, nor reflections against any religious community.

Rule 15th. The President shall keep order within the house, and not permit any talking above a whisper by any of the members or other persons, during the session of the Conference, and shall confine the speaker strictly to the question under consideration.

Rule 16th. Upon a call for the previous question, if made by three members, and sustained by a majority of the Conference the main question shall be put without further debate.

Rule 17th. No substitute shall be offered for a motion before the Conference until the original motion is disposed of.

Rule 18th. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lie on the table, to commit or to amend; which several motions shall have precedence in the order they stand arranged, and the motion for adjournment shall always be in order and decided without debate.

Rule 19th. When the Conference shall resolve itself into a committee of the whole, the preceding rules shall also be observed.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to examine the journals of the several annual conferences, and report thereon. Com.—J. L. Ambler, R. A. Blount, T. McKeever, J. L. Armstrong and W. Disney.

Adjourned, prayer by brother Shinn.

Wednesday morning, 9 o'clock.

The Conference met agreeably to adjournment; reading and prayer by brother G. Brown.

The roll having been called, the following brethren answered to their names, viz: Kesley, Harris, Blount, Henkle, Clark,

to their names, viz: Kesley, Cox, Thomson, Harris, Blount, Henkle, Clark (O,) Shinn, Elliott, Woodward, Woolston, Pearson, Ambler, Burge, Croker, Collins, Graves, Clark (Md.,) T. C. Brown, Smith, Whitaker, Armstrong, Disney, Lyon, Carey, Bell, Hoskins, Barnes, Garrard, Connell, W. S. Stockton and Green.

Journal read and approved.

Resolved, That the documents presented by Bro. Croker, be received and referred to the committee, on means of grace.

Resolved, That the memorial presented by Bro. Springer, be received, and laid on the table.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to prepare a Pastoral address to the churches represented in this Conference.

Committee, G. Brown, Kesley, Elliott, Thomson and C. Avery.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to be denominated the Theological Committee.

Committee, Bro. Springer, Woodward, M'Keever, Blount, and Ambler.

Adjourned—Prayer by Bro. Disney.

Friday, 3 o'clock P. M.

Conference met; reading and prayer by Bro. Harris.

Roll called; twenty eight present.

Resolved, That the document presented by Bro. Harris of N. Carolina, be received and referred to the executive committee.

Resolved, That the document presented by Bro. Woolston be received and referred to the executive committee.

Resolved, That the two first documents presented by Bro. Blount be referred to the executive, and the last to the judiciary committee.

Resolved, That the petition from Seneca County lying on the table, be taken up and referred to the committee on Annual Conference boundaries.

Resolved, That the executive committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the 8th article of the constitution, as to secure to the unstationed Ministers an equal representation in the General Conference, when practicable.

Resolved, That the documents presented by Bro. Cox, on Foreign Missions lie upon the table.

Resolved, That the documents presented by Bro. Green be referred to a special committee.

Resolved, That the documents presented by Bro. Croker be referred to a special committee.—*Committee*, Henkle, Collins, and Bell.

Resolved, That the documents presented by Bro. Clark of Ohio be referred to the executive committee

Brothers T. Harries and J. Beatty were appointed assistants.

Brother Henkle was appointed on the executive committee to fill the place of brother Shinn elected president.

The following Rev. gentlemen were invited to seats within the bar of the Conference, as honorary members: viz.—Dr. Herron, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Bain, and Mr. Babcock. The following preamble and resolution were now offered and referred to the judiciary committee.

Whereas, an amendment to the first section of the 8th article of the constitution, has been recommended by a constitutional number of Annual Conferences.

Therefore, *Resolved*, that the said article be altered by striking out the word “seventh” and inserting the word “fourth.”

W. KESLEY,
L. J. COX.

The Conference now resumed the unfinished business of yesterday.

Adjourned—Prayer by Bro. Snethen.

Thursday afternoon.

Opened with reading and prayer by Bro. Clark, of Ohio.

Roll called. The following brethren answered to their names viz: Kesley, T. H. Stockton, Cox, Harris, Blount, Henkle, Clark of Ohio, Shinn, Elliott, Woodward, Springer, Woolston, Pearson, Ambler, Burge, Croker, Collins, Graves, Smith, Whitaker, Armstrong, Carey, J. Bell, Hoskins, Barnes, Garrard, Connell, W. S. Stockton and Green.

Resolved, That bro. Ragan be an honorary member of this Conference.

On motion of bro. Woodward, *Resolved*, That the executive committee be instructed to inquire into the propriety of recommending to the several Annual Conferences the expediency and necessity of their taking constitutional measures to invest the next General Conference with conventional powers, and with instructions to amend the 10th article of the constitution, by striking out all of the 7th prohibition after the words “Itinerant Ministry” and for other purposes, and report thereon.

Resolved, That the above resolution lie on the table.

On motion of Bro. Smith, *Resolved*, That the petition of the Va. Annual Conference, be referred to the committee on Annual Conference boundaries.

Resolved, That the documents presented by Bro. Bell lie on the table.

Adjourned, prayer by Bro. Collins.

Friday morning, 9 o'clock.

Conference met; reading and prayer by Bro. Thompson.

The roll having been called the following brethren answered

hereby instructed to suggest such amendment or amendments, as the present and future welfare of the church and the public may demand.

On motion of Brother Cox. *Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to transcribe and arrange for publication the Journal of this Conference—and that the said committee be respectfully requested to enter upon the duty as early as convenient. *Committee*.—T. C. Brown, S. J. Harris and J. H. Kennard.

On motion of Brother Lyon. *Resolved*, That the Judiciary committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the Disciplinary regulations on page 36 and 7 under the 13th and 14th articles of the constitution, as to make it the duty of superintendents, presiding in a trial, to decide questions of law and order, subject to an appeal to the committee: also, of striking out of the 15th line from the top, 2nd article, page 37 the words "Court of trial" and inserting the word "jury" or such other word or words as they may judge best.

A communication was received from the Pennsylvania Annual Conference, recommending to the General Conference to alter the Discipline of the Church, on the subject of *orders*; so as to make it comport with the constitution, in the acknowledgement of but one order of Ministers: i. e. Elders.

Resolved, That the above recommendation be referred to the Theological committee.

Resolved, That the document from the New York Conference on orders, be referred to the Theological committee.

Resolved, That the report from the board of Foreign Missions be called up, read, and referred to the committee on Foreign and Home Missions.

Resolved, That there be a committee to transcribe and arrange, so much of the Conference Journal as pertains to alterations and additions in the Discipline, and that the committee be requested to perfect their work before the rise of this conference.

Committee.—W. H. Collins, M. Lyon, J. Croker.

On motion of Brother Woodward, the document now lying on the table, referring to a change of a part of the 10th article of the constitution was called up, read, and referred to the executive committee.

Brother Barnes offered the following resolution, *Resolved*, That such disciplinary provisions be made that when a Minister shall be appointed by an Annual Conference, to a circuit or station, and shall be prevented by affliction from laboring part of the year, he shall nevertheless be entitled to pay for the whole year. Referred to the financial committee.

Brother Smith of the Virginia Conference presented the following preamble and resolution on the subject of slavery.

Resolved, That two of the documents presented by Bro. Lyon be referred to the executive and the other to the judiciary committee.

Resolved, That the document on slavery presented by Bro. Clark, of Ohio, be received and referred to a committee on slavery.—*Committee*, Bros. G. Brown, Green, Disney, Thomson and W. S. Stockton.

Resolved, That the documents presented by Bro. Cox from the Book Committee be read, received and referred to the Literary Committee.

Resolved, That the documents presented by Bro. Woolston be received, and referred to the committee on Conference boundaries.

Adjourned, prayer by Bro. Avery.

Saturday morning, 9 o'clock.

Conference met; reading and prayer by Bro. Cox.

Roll called; twenty nine present.

Journal read and approved.

Bro. S. Beecher from the Genessee Annual Conference appeared and took his seat.

Resolved, That the petition on slavery from the New York Annual Conference be read and referred to the committee on slavery.

On motion of Bro. Harris, *Resolved*, That the judiciary committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making a disciplinary provision for the election of delegates to balance Conference and Home Missionaries, and all others, for whom there is now no provision, in the several Annual Conferences.

On motion of Bro. Kesley, *Resolved*, That the document from the Church at Washington City be referred to a special committee of three.—*Committee*, W. Kesley, J. Clark, of Ohio, and J. Carey.

Resolved, That the document from the New York Conference on the General Paper be referred to the Literary Committee and that the document referring to the time of holding the future General Conferences, and also the document referring to provision being made for Itinerant Ministers who may be afflicted for the time being, be referred to the judiciary committee.

Resolved, That all select committees consist of three unless otherwise ordered.

On motion of W. S. Stockton, *Resolved*, That the judiciary committee be instructed to inquire into the practical operation of the constitutional provision for licensing persons to preach, and to report the result of its inquiries; and if the committee find that the present powers of quarterly Conferences have not in many cases been exercised wisely, and for the best, that it is

Resolved, That the communication from the Charleston church presented by Brother Blount, be referred to a committee of three.

Committee.—C. Avery, S. J. Harris, P. S. Graves.

On motion of Brother Elliott, *Resolved*, That the memorials from the Ohio and Pittsburgh Annual Conferences, be received and referred to the committee on slavery.

Resolved, That the preamble and resolution presented with the documents from the Ohio and Pittsburgh Annual Conferences, be laid on the table.

On motion of T. C. Browne, *Resolved*, That the Executive committee be instructed to inquire into the propriety of giving an increase of salary to our Ministers.

On motion of Brother Henkle it was laid on the table.

Resolved, That the document from the Pennsylvania Conference be received and referred to the committee on boundaries, &c.

Resolved, That the Judiciary committee, be instructed to provide a probationary term for applicants for license to preach.

Resolved, That the conference meet this evening at half past 2 o'clock, and sit with closed doors till 3 o'clock.

Resolved, That the report of the Judiciary committee be received. The following is the report.

The Judiciary committee having had the matters referred to them under careful consideration, have deemed it inexpedient to recommend any changes in the rules governing Judicial investigations, in the Methodist Protestant church.

On the special matter referred to the judiciary committee they report the following resolution:

Resolved, That the 1st paragraph of the 8th article of the constitution be amended by substituting the word "fourth" in the room of the word "seventh," so as to authorize the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church to meet every *fourth*, instead of every *seventh* year, and its next meeting to be the first Tuesday in May, 1842. G. BROWN, Chairman.

Resolved, That the first member of this report lie on the table.

Resolved, That the last member of this report be adopted.

While this resolution was pending, the Conference adjourned; prayer by brother Kennard.

Monday Evening.

Conference met, reading and prayer by brother Ambler.

The Conference met with closed doors and a communication from brother John J. Harrod, late book agent, was read and the following resolution adopted.

Resolved, That the communication from brother J. J. Harrod is entirely satisfactory to this Conference, and that the commissions referred to in the communication be relinquished.

The doors were now opened. After which the unfinished bu-

Whereas, by the 7th article of the constitution, exclusive power is conferred on each Annual Conference, to make its own rules and regulations for the admission and government of coloured members within its own District, and to make for them such terms of suffrage as may be deemed proper, and Whereas, both the General Conference and the Annual Conferences are denied the power to interfere with the constitutional powers of the civil government, or with the operation of the civil laws, therefore *Resolved*, That the committee on slavery be instructed to report that it is impracticable for the General Conference, to have any legislative action upon the subject of slavery, and inexpedient for it to express any opinion by resolution.

On motion of Brother Graves, the above preamble and resolution were laid on the table.

Adjourned; prayer by Brother Smith.

Monday morning, 9 o'clock, May 21st.

Conference met; reading and prayer by Brother Pearson.

Roll called; twenty-seven present.

Journal read and approved.

On motion of Brother Lyon, *Resolved*, That the report of the Executive committee, presented by Brother Kesley, be received and laid on the table. The following is the report.

PITTSBURGH, May 21st 1838.

The executive committee beg leave to report that they have examined with prayerful attention, the several resolutions, memorials, and suggestions, submitted to them, and are of opinion that although some minor points in the discipline might be altered to advantage, yet more would be lost by the innovations than would be gained by the amendments.

Your committee therefore believe, That on the whole it would be much better, to allow our rules for the present to remain as they are. In the general we esteem our constitution and discipline to be excellent, and as they shall be better understood, and become more familiar to our Ministers, and members, we have no doubt they will be more highly prized. Indeed your committee have no doubt that if they were vigilantly applied, and faithfully carried out, they would be quite sufficient to secure the peace and prosperity of the church. Your committee believe that frequent changes have a tendency, not only to unsettle the minds and habits of our members, but also to destroy the confidence of the public, in the permanency of our institutions, as well as the piety and wisdom of our ministers and members. Your committee will therefore simply recommend to our brethren, especially our executive officers, and official bodies, to be more faithful in enforcing our rules, and to all to be more diligent and uniform in obeying them.

On behalf of the committee, W. Kesley *chairman*.

support, by bringing that duty to bear in the form of a more direct responsibility upon the members of the Church.

On motion of brother Woodward, *Resolved*, That the report of the literary committee be received, read and laid on the table. The following is the report:

The literary committee, to whom was referred the report and documents submitted by the book committee to the General Conference, and other matters, respectfully report, in part, that they have read and considered the report and the following documents: 1st. Copy of proposals made to the book committee by the directors of the book company. (Marked A) 2. Extracts from the charter of the book company. (Marked B.) 3. A plan proposed by the book committee for purchasing the books and effects of the company. (Marked C.) 4. A resolution of the Vermont Annual Conference respecting the removal of the book concern, &c. The committee respectfully submit for the consideration of the Conference the following resolutions, to wit:

Resolved, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars is necessary to continue the book concern as a business of the Church, and that for the credit of the Church, this amount of money ought to be raised; and, in the opinion of this committee, may be obtained from the members and friends of the Church, provided that stock be created by authority of the Conference to the amount of present wants; the stock to be sold in shares of fifty dollars each, to bear an interest of six per cent. per annum.

Resolved, That in the opinion of the committee, the reputation of the Church requires the sustainment of the book concern as the property of the Church, and therefore recommend the following plan of securing this great and highly desirable object:

1. Let there be a stock loan created of \$20,000, in shares of \$50 each; to be paid in five equal instalments at 60 days apart, the first payment to fall due on the 1st day of August, 1838. The stock thus raised to bear six per cent. interest, and to be redeemable on the 1st day of July, 1844.

2. Let the book committee, to be hereafter appointed by this Conference, be authorized to contract with the book company for so much of their stock and stereotype plates as they may deem advantageous to the Church.

3. Let the book committee be authorized to receive the charter of the book company on the following conditions: *First*. That no charge be made for it. *Second*. That the president and directors fill all vacancies occurring in their board with ministers or members of the Methodist Protestant Church, subject however to the approval of the Annual Conference of the district in which the book concern may be located.

4. That the book committee make an annual exhibit to the

business of the morning was taken up, and the resolution reported by the judiciary committee was adopted. So the next General Conference will meet the 1st Tuesday in May, 1842, and every four years thereafter.

Resolved, That it is the judgment of this General Conference that the superintendents and assistants are members of the quarterly conferences and leaders' meetings, in stations, and of quarterly conferences in circuits, where they may be appointed to labor, but not ultimately responsible to the quarterly conference.

Bro. Henkle presented a report from the minority of the executive committee, together with a resolution on investing the next General Conference with conventional powers; which was received and laid on the table, and made the order of the day for Wednesday.

On motion of brother Cox,

Resolved, That our beloved brother Snethen be respectfully requested to deliver a discourse to this Conference. Carried unanimously by a rising vote.

Resolved, That the committee to prepare the journal be requested to record all the resolutions adopted by this Conference; but only to state in brief terms the substance of the petitions and memorials to which these resolutions refer, and that the committee be authorized to employ a clerk to transcribe the minutes under their supervision.

Resolved, That in their reports each committee shall mention the different instructions, memorials, &c. referred to them for their consideration, and that they shall mention the source whence such papers as they have acted upon proceeded.

Adjourned; prayer by brother Springer.

Tuesday morning, 9 o'clock.

Conference met; reading and prayer by brother Kesley.

The roll called; a quorum present; journal read and approved.

On motion of brother Collins,

Resolved, That the communication from Zanesville Circuit, presented by brother Springer, referring to certain doctrines of the Church, be referred to the theological committee.

Resolved, That the documents from Missouri be sent to the Illinois Annual Conference or its president. The documents were handed to brother Collins.

The resolution on ministers' salaries was called up and referred to the committee on finance.

On motion of brother Henkle, *Resolved*, That the committee on finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing all existing rules and regulations fixing the salaries of ministers, &c. in view of thereby securing to the ministers a better

immediately to the interests of the Methodist Protestant Church.

13. If the committee should find it to be advisable, they may be permitted to insert advertisements of an unexceptionable character, to an extent not injurious to the general design, as above stated. The committee would further recommend, that the Book concern be continued at the city of Baltimore, and that the proposed paper be published in that city. All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. J. COX, *Chairman.*

On motion of Brother Collins. *Resolved*, That all that part of the first section on the 43d page of the discipline after the word "prayer," be stricken out.

While this resolution was pending a division was called for, when the first part desired to be stricken out was negatived, and the remainder approved.

On motion of Brother Beecher. *Resolved*, That the following sentence be added to the above section after the word "business." "When the President of the district is present he shall be a member of the conference."

On motion of Brother Cox. *Resolved*, That the following sentence be added to the above section after the word "conference," "but not ultimately responsible to the conference."

On motion of Brother Lyon, the report of the majority of the committee on slavery, was received and laid on the table. (This report was afterwards recommitted.)

On motion of Brother Armstrong, the report of the minority of the committee on slavery, was received and laid on the table. The following is the report.

We the undersigned, the minority of the special committee to whom were referred sundry memorials and petitions on the subject of slavery, &c. Report, That since the constitution confers on each annual conference, the exclusive power to make its own rules and regulations for the admission and government of coloured members, within its own district; and to make for them such terms of suffrage as the conferences respectively may deem proper; and since the general conference and the annual conferences are, by the constitution, denied the power to interfere with the constitutional powers of the civil government, or with the operation of the civil laws, it is recommended that the general conference adopt the following resolutions, viz:

1. *Resolved*, That the general conference has no constitutional power to have any legislative action upon the subject of slavery.

2. *Resolved*, That it is unnecessary and inexpedient for the General Conference to give any expression of opinion in regard to the subject of slavery by resolution.

3. *Resolved*, That we fully accord to all our brethren the right of individual private opinion upon any and all subjects, and also

said annual conference, at each of its sessions, showing the true state and condition of the business, and that a full and particular account of all matters and things connected with this Church concern shall be submitted to the next General Conference.

5. That previous to the expiration of the present charter, the directors use their best efforts to obtain an extension of time, and such alterations in said instrument, as will best accord with the contemplated change from a company to a Church business and property.

6. Let an agent or agents be appointed by the committee to travel through all the conferences to dispose of the Church loan, and to solicit donations in view of purchasing out the stock so created and finally redeeming the loan.

7. After the year 1842, let it be the duty of the committee to make dividends from the profits arising out of the business, to the respective annual conferences, in proportion to the amount of actual capital invested by the respective conference districts.

8. Let the General conference recommend, that the meetings of the respective annual conferences be held at such periods as will admit of an agent or agents, visiting them all in rotation.

9. Let the book committee have full powers to employ and remove an agent or agents as it may deem best, and to conduct the business with promptness and vigor, under such rules and regulations as shall hold it in strict responsibility to the annual conference of the district in which it may be located, as also to the general conference.

10. The committee shall also have power to fill all vacancies in their own board, subject however to the approval of the annual conference, under whose supervision it immediately acts.

11. Should the book committee procure the charter of the present book company, or obtain one from the Legislature of the state, where the Concern is located, then they shall act under the name, style and title of Directors, and perform such duties as may be assigned them.

12. Your committee would also respectfully recommend the publication of a new weekly Journal, to be entitled— —Such a paper should contain a condensed, and as far as possible, a complete view of foreign and domestic intelligence, abstracts of congressional proceedings—a collection of miscellaneous, useful and entertaining facts; occasional notices of literature and science, agricultural reports, markets, &c. &c., thus superseding the necessity of other weekly, family Journals. The original matter should be made as ample as practicable, to consist chiefly of religious information. Accurate reports may and should be given of the public proceedings of christian societies; but special attention shall be given to bringing together facts which relate more

Resolved, That the above reports be laid on the table.

Brother Collins offered the following: *Resolved*, That a true copy of each report of the committee on slavery be published in our periodical, and that it is not advisable that further action be now had on either of said reports.

On motion of brother Cox, the above resolution was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of brother Pearson, the two reports on slavery were again called up.

Brother Cox offered the following resolution, 'That the further consideration of the two reports on slavery be indefinitely postponed.

While this was under consideration, the Conference adjourned. Prayer by brother Garrard.

Wednesday afternoon.

Conference met. Prayer by brother T. H. Stockton.

Roll called, thirty-six present.

The unfinished business of the morning was resumed.

Brother Cox moved to amend his resolution so as to postpone indefinitely all documents referring to the subject of slavery.

The chair declared this amendment out of order.

The motion for the indefinite postponement of the slavery reports was now put. The yeas and nays were ordered.

Yeas.—Blount, Cox, Graves, Harris, Kennard, Thomson, Woodward, Woolston, Armstrong, T. C. Brown, Bell, Beecher, Clark, (Md.) Cornell, Disney, Hoskins, Smith and Whitaker.—18.

Nays.—Avery, Ambler, G. Brown, Burge, Clark, of O., Croker, Collins, Elliott, Henkle, Kesley, Pearson, T. H. Stockton, Shinn, Springer, Barnes, Carey, Garrard, Green, Lyon, McKeever, W. S. Stockton.—21.

Bro. Armstrong then presented the following protest:

The undersigned members of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, now in session at Pittsburg, Pa. May 23rd, 1838, believing that said General Conference has no constitutional right to pass any rule, and that it is inexpedient to act upon any resolution, relative to the morality or immorality of slavery as it exists in the United States, solemnly protest against any action of this body upon that subject. Signed.

J. L. Armstrong, Ten.; S. J. Harris, N. C.; P. S. Graves, Ala.; J. M. Smith, Va.; L. H. B. Whitaker, N. C.; R. B. Thomson, Va.; T. C. Brown, Md.; John Clark, Md.; R. A. Blount, Ga.; L. J. Cox, Md.; J. H. Kennard, Md.

Brother McKeever offered the following resolution: That the report of the majority of the committee on slavery be adopted.

Brother W. S. Stockton moved that the two reports be re-committed.

Brother G. Brown called for a division of the question; when

of the freedom of speech, and of the press, but will not sanction any abuse thereof.

4. *Resolved*, That we regard the peace and unity of the Methodist Protestant Church, with paramount and heartfelt interest.

5. *Resolved*, That we deprecate the introduction of any measures into our church judicatories which are calculated to disturb and threaten the order and stability of the church; and that we recommend to all our ministers and members, to cultivate harmony among themselves and to live in the "unity of the spirit, and in the bonds of peace."

R. B. THOMSON,
WM. DISNEY.

Adjourned; prayer by Brother Ambler.

Tuesday afternoon.

Conference met; prayer by brother Collins.

Roll called, thirty-nine present.

On motion of brother Avery, the report of the committee on the Washington Church was received and laid on the table.

On motion of bro. Clark, of O., the report just laid on the table was called up, and while under consideration, it was resolved to adjourn till the close of brother Snethen's sermon.

Prayer by brother T. H. Stockton.

Brother Snethen commenced religious services. The text was 2 Cor. 13th Chap. 11, 12 and 13 verses. A suitable and able discourse was delivered; after which the Conference resumed its business, when it was resolved to adjourn. Prayer by brother Shinn.

Wednesday morning, 9 o'clock.

Conference met; prayer by brother Springer.

Roll called, journal read and approved.

The chairman of the committee on annual conference journals made a report in part. When, on motion of brother Kesley, so much of the report as referred to the Maryland district was referred back to the committee.

On motion of bro. Avery, the remainder was laid on the table.

The chairman of the committee on Annual Conference boundaries made a report, which, on motion of bro. Henkle, was re-committed in order that it might be perfected.

The chairman of the committee on the Charleston church made a report, which, on motion of brother Springer was received and adopted. (This report will be published in the periodical.)

On motion of brother Woodward, the order of the day was postponed for the purpose of taking up the unfinished business of yesterday.

On motion of brother Kesley, the report of the committee on the Washington Church was re-committed.

On motion of brother Graves, the reports of the committee on slavery were taken up.

After some debate it was resolved that we adjourn.

Prayer by Bro. Lyon

Thursday afternoon.

Conference met; reading and prayer by Brother Brown.

Roll called, thirty-seven present.

The unfinished business of the forenoon was taken up, and after much discussion the conference adjourned till 8 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Brother Shinn.

Friday morning, May 25th, 1838.

Conference met; reading and prayer by Brother Kesley.

Roll called, the following present.

Brothers Avery, Ambler, Blount, Burge, Cox, Croker, Collins, Elliott, Graves, Harris, Kesley, Kennard, Pearson, Shinn, Springer, Thomson, Woolston, Armstrong, Brown, Beecher, Clark, Md. Connell, Disney, Hoskins, Lyon, Smith, W. S. Stockton and Whitaker.

Journal read and approved.

Resolved, That Brother Snethen be permitted to address the conference.

On motion of Brother T. C. Brown, Brother Dorsey was permitted to speak a third time.

After Brother Dorsey had concluded, the previous question was called for and sustained, the yeas and nays on the main question were then taken, as follows :

YEAS.—Blount, Geo. Brown, Burge, Cox, Clark, of (O.) Collins, Dorsey, Graves, Harris, Henkle, Kesley, Kennard, T. H. Stockton, Springer, Thomson, Woodward, Woolston, Armstrong, T. C. Brown, Bell, Beecher, Clark, Md., Connell, Disney, Hoskins, Lyon, Smith, W. S. Stockton and Whitaker—29.

NAYS.—Avery, Ambler, Croker, Elliott, Pearson, Carey, Garrard, Green and McKeever—9.

Prior to the yeas and nays being taken, Brother Ambler presented the following protest.

We hereby protest against the action of this conference in taking the question on laying on the table the report of the committee on the subject of slavery, when it was publicly declared that a member who had spoken once, and whose right it was to speak a second time desired to speak to the question before its passage.

J. L. AMBLER,

J. CROKER.

Brother Clark, of Ohio, presented the following paper of compromise. Whereas the members of this General Conference are not agreed respecting the constitutional authority of a General conference, to legislate on the subject of slavery; and whereas, there is a disagreement of opinion also, respecting both the right and the expediency at this time, to express an opinion, in the form and with the authority of a General Conference resolution, binding a minority; and whereas, several of the annual confer-

the report of the majority was recommitted, and brother Stockton permitted to withdraw the remainder of his motion.

Brother Collins moved that the report of the minority of the committee on slavery be laid on the table. Lost.

Brother Armstrong offered the following resolution: That the report of the minority of the committee on slavery be adopted.

Before the question was taken, the Conference adjourned.

Prayer by brother Elliott.

Thursday Morning, 9 o'clock.

Conference met. Prayer by brother Avery.

Roll was called, and the following brethren answered to their names: brothers Avery, Ambler, Blount, Burge, Clark of Ohio, Collins, Elliott, Graves, Harris, Henkle, Kesley, Kennard, Pearson, Shinn, Springer, Thomson, Woodward, Woolston, Armstrong, Bell, Barnes, Beecher, Clark, Md., Carey, Connell, Disney, Green, Hoskins, Lyon, McKeever, Smith, W. S. Stockton, and Whitaker.

Journal read and approved.

On motion of brother T. C. Brown, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Conference are due, and they are hereby tendered, to the Rev. N. Snethen for the able and satisfactory discourse delivered to the Conference on the 22nd inst.

The chairman of the committee on slavery made the following report.

The Committee to whom were referred the memorials and documents on the subject on slavery, having duly considered them, respectfully report the following resolutions.

1. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Conference, the system of American Slavery is a moral evil.

2. *Resolved*, that this Conference respectfully and affectionately counsel and advise the Annual Conferences to use such moral means for the removal of this evil, as they may judge best

Pittsburgh, May 24th.

GEO. BROWN,
W. S. STOCKTON,
N. GREEN,

On motion of Bro. Kesley, *Resolved*, That the report be received and laid on the table.

A division of the question was called for when the first division was adopted.

While this resolution was under consideration Bro. Kelley an honorary member rose to speak, when Bro. Pearson moved, that he be permitted to speak. Which was pronounced by the chair to be out of order.

Bro. Ambler, moved that all the honorary members of this Conference, have a right with other members to speak on any question. After some debate Bro. Ambler withdrew his motion.

The President called the Conference to the second division of Bro. Kesley's resolution, viz: To lay the report of the committee on slavery on the table.

Laid on the table.

Brother Cox called up the report of the Literary Committee; when it was *Resolved*, That the report be acted upon item by item.

The first six items of the report were read and adopted, and the further consideration of it was, for the present, postponed.

The chairman of the committee on Foreign and Home Missions made the following report; which, on motion of brother Henkle, was laid on the table.

The committee on Missions beg leave to report the following alterations, viz: on page 71, after the word discipline, 5th line from the bottom, be stricken out, and the following inserted, viz: and when three or more societies, containing in the aggregate not less than thirty members, shall be formed, they shall have power to elect not more than three stewards, who, together with the official members, on said mission, shall have authority to hold a quarterly conference in each quarter, and shall have the same power as in circuits. And said mission shall elect a delegate to the Annual Conference, and be entitled to a seat in said Conference, provided the missionary is entitled to a seat.

2. *Resolved*, That after the word necessary, page 73, in the 3rd paragraph from the top of the page, insert the following, viz: "and take charge of any missionaries appointed by the General Conference."

3rd. *Resolved*, That the Rev. Elijah McDaniel be appointed a missionary by this Conference to the Oregon Territory.

W. H. COLLINS, Chairman.

Adjourned; to meet at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by brother Ambler.

Saturday morning, 8 o'clock.

Conference met; prayer by brother Shinn.

Roll called; thirty-one present; journal read and approved.

The chairman of the financial committee made the following report, which, on motion of brother Collins, was laid on the table.

The committee to whom was referred two resolutions; one asking the consideration of the subject, repealing the rule in the discipline fixing the allowance of ministers and preachers; and the other to increase said allowance, have had the same under careful consideration, and would recommend that no action be had on the said resolutions. Your committee, however, beg leave to submit for adoption the following plan, and recommend the same to the several Conferences.

1. Let the stewards of each circuit and station, as soon as they shall learn what the appointment for their circuit or station is, immediately proceed to make out a full estimate of the expense chargeable to said circuit or station.

2. Let all the official members of the circuit or station meet as soon as they can after the adjournment of their Annual Conference, and after having the stewards' estimate submitted to them, and after a careful and candid interchange of sentiment as to the

ences have instructed their delegates upon the subject of slavery, and these instructions are not in harmony among themselves.

Therefore, *Resolved*, by this General Conference that this question respecting the right of General Conferences to act upon the subject of slavery, be left with the Annual Conferences, and the people in their primary assemblies or meetings, provided, that neither his nor any other resolution of this General Conference, shall be so construed or understood, as to interfere with the rights of each and every member of the church of expressing in speech, or in writing, or in publication, his own opinions upon any thing and every thing pertaining to slavery.

Brother Dorsey moved to amend the document by striking out all after the word "themselves" and inserting the following.

Therefore, *Resolved*, by this General Conference that this question respecting the right of General Conferences to act upon the subject of slavery be left "where it constitutionally belongs," with the annual conferences, &c.

Brother T. C. Brown modified the resolution and amendment by striking out the words "where it constitutionally belongs."

Brother Dorsey withdrew his amendment, when, on motion of brother Henkle, the previous question was called for and sustained. The yeas and nays were then taken on the paper presented by brother Clark, of Ohio, and are as follows:

Yeas.—Blount, Geo. Brown, Burge, Cox, Clark, of O., Collins Dorsey, Graves, Harris, Henkle, Kesley, Kennard, T. H. Stockton, Springer, Thomson, Woodward, Woolston, Armstrong, T. C. Brown, Bell, Beecher, Clark, Md., Connell, Disney, Hoskins, Lyon, Smith, W. S. Stockton and Whitaker.—29.

Nays.—Avery, Ambler, Elliott, Croker, Pearson, Shinn, Carey, Garrard and Green.—9.

Resolved, That brother Bell have leave of absence.

Adjourned. Prayer by brother Collins.

Friday afternoon.

Conference met; reading and prayer by brother Harris.

On motion of brother T. H. Stockton, the report of the minority of the committee on slavery was laid on the table.

Brother Stockton offered the following: *Resolved*, That the next General Conference shall meet in the City of Baltimore on the 1st Tuesday in May, 1842.

Laid on the table.

Brother Lyon nominated Cincinnati; brother Ambler, New York, and brother Thomson, Lynchburg, as suitable places to hold the ensuing General Conference.

On motion of brother Kesley, *Resolved*, That the report of the committee on the Washington Church be received and adopted.

This report will be published in the periodical.

The undersigned hereby asks the Conference to release him from all committees on which he now stands. J. L. AMBLER.

We fully concur with the published commendations of the committee, and think that the General Conference will do well to add to them, other official sanctions and recommendations.

16. Your committee also recommend, by the authority of this Conference, the publication of a small volume of hymns and spiritual songs, and that the execution of this work be confided to the Book Committee.

L. J. Cox, Chairman.

On motion of Bro. Woodward the report of the minority of the executive committee was made the order of the day for this afternoon.

On motion of Bro. Lyon, *Resolved*, That Bro. Amblers resignation be accepted.

On motion of Bro. Springer, the report of the Literary Committee was taken up.

While the 7th item was under consideration Bro. Collius moved the following amendment. That the following sentence be added after the word "amount" "*of sales effected in each district.*"

On motion of Bro. Kesley this item was laid on the table.

Resolved, That Bro. Disney have leave of absence.

Adjourn to meet at 2 o' clock.

Prayer by Bro. Croker.

Saturday afternoon, 2 o'clock.

Conference met reading and prayer by Bro. Woodward.

Brother Springer chairman of the Theological committee made the following report, which on motion of Brother Clarke of Ohio, was received and adopted.

The Theological committee report in part.

1. That whereas several Annual Conferences, and one Electoral College have recommended to this General Conference, so to modify the Discipline, as to dispense with the order of Deacon, as a ministerial order: the committee think for various reasons it would be inexpedient to act upon the subject.

2. With regard to the document from the Zanesville circuit, recommending this conference to annex a provision to our articles of religion which shall recognise the doctrine of Satanic influence upon the human mind &c. they also recommend that no action be had thereon.

C. SPRINGER, Chairman.

The order of the day was now taken up, when on motion of Brother Clark of Ohio, it was indefinitely postponed.

The following preamble and resolution were referred on motion of Brother Clark, to the Literary committee.

Whereas the Pittsburg and Ohio Annual Conferences are now making a laudable effort to establish a Literary Institution at a very accessible point in the Ohio District, and whereas the object is one of the highest importance to the interests of the church, Therefore *Resolved*, That the Literary committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency and practicability of adopting some plan of union by which all the Annual Conferences may be interested in this important enterprise.

J. CLARK,

C. SPRINGER.

ability of the several classes to pay, proceed to make an equitable apportionment of the expenses to each class.

3. Let the leader at the next meeting of his class inform them of the apportionment thus made; whereupon the class shall take such measures as to them, may seem most advisable for raising the amount apportioned to them.

4. Let the stewards charge each class with the amount apportioned as above, and give them credit for the amount by them paid; so that it may be readily seen, who is deficient.

MOSES LYON, Chairman.

The chairman of the committee on Means of Grace made the following report; which, on motion of brother Clark, of Ohio, was received and laid on the table.

The committee, to whom were referred the means of grace, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the discipline on these subjects, and believing that some of the items in the rules on pages 91 and 92, are at war with the 4th section of the 10th article of the constitution, your committee offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the second paragraph on the means of grace, page 91, be altered by inserting the conjunction "and," the words "wilfully and habitually;" and by striking out the words "any of" in the following line; and thus restore the discipline in these particulars to its former condition.

And whereas, some of the duties of superintendents seems to us to conflict with the 7th article of the constitution and 4th section, therefore,

Resolved, That as many of these duties as were added by the General Conference of 1834, be rescinded.

Resolved, That the ministers and membership of the Church commune together at the Lord's Table, whenever it can be done consistently with our other rules.

J. ELLIOTT, Chairman.

Brother Cox, chairman of the literary committee, made a further report as follows; which, on motion of brother Collins, was received and laid on the table.

14. The editor of the Methodist Protestant shall be elected by the General Conference. The book committee shall prescribe his duties, fix his compensation, continue him in his office, or remove him from it as the committee may deem to be best in view of the interests of the Church. The committee shall be accountable to the Annual Conference in the district in which it shall be located for all its acts and doings regarding the paper; and for mal-conduct, either official or moral, may be removed from office by the Conference.

15. Regarding the Hymn Book, compiled by the Rev. T. H. Stockton, under the direction of the committee as authorised by the General Conference, the following resolution is recommended for adoption.

Resolved, That the Hymn Book compiled by the authority of the General Conference of 1834 shall be the Hymn Book of the Methodist Protestant Church.

2. *Virginia District*.—The Virginia District includes all the state of Virginia not included in the Maryland and Pittsburgh districts, as fixed by the convention.

3. *North Carolina District*.—The North Carolina District includes all the state of North Carolina.

4. *Georgia District*.—As it now stands in the Book of Discipline.

5. *Alabama District*.—As it now stands in the Book of Discipline.

6. *Tennessee District*.—Includes all the states of Alabama and Mississippi north of a line drawn due west, from the ridge dividing the waters of the Mobile from Tennessee to the Mississippi river, all the state of 'Tennessee' and so much of the state of Kentucky as is south of the Kentucky river.

7. *Arkansas District*.—Includes all the state of Arkansas, and the counties of Stodard, Scott, Wayne, Ripley, Pulaski, Green, Polk and Barry in the State of Missouri, and the Territories west thereof.

8. *Illinois District*.—Includes the state of Illinois and so much of the state of Missouri as is not included in the Arkansas District, and the Northwestern and Missouri Territories to the Rocky Mountsins.

9. *Ohio district*.—Includes all the State of Indiana, and so much of the State of Ohio as is not included in the Pittsburgh district, the State of Kentucky not included in the Tennessee district, and the State of Michigan.

10. *Pittsburgh district*.—Includes the State of Ohio east of the Scioto and Sandusky rivers, including the counties of Crawford, Seneca and Sandusky, the States of Pennsylvania and Virginia west of the Alleghany mountains and north of the Cumberland mountains.

11. *Pennsylvania district*.—Includes all the State of Pennsylvania north of the Blue and east of the Alleghany mountains.

12. *New Jersey district*.—Includes all the State of New Jersey.

13. *New York district*.—As it now stands in the discipline with the exception of New Jersey.

14. *Genessee district*.—As it now stands in the discipline.

15. *Champlain district*.—As it now stands in the discipline, except Essex county, which is added to the Vermont district.

16. *Vermont district*.—As it now stands in the discipline, with the addition of Essex county from the Champlain district.

Boston district.—As it now stands in the discipline.

Respectfully submitted. E. WOODWARD, Chairman.

Adjourned; prayer by brother Springer.

Monday morning, May 28th.

Conference met 8 o'clock; reading and prayer by brother Woodward. Roll called; journal read and approved.

On motion of T. C. Brown, the Conference proceeded to appoint an editor of the Methodist Protestant and Family Visiter.

T. H. Stockton, A. Bassett and M. M. Henkle were severally nominated. When, on counting the votes, T. H. Stockton was declared duly elected editor.

On motion of brother Lyon, the report of the finance committee was called up, read adopted. (See report.)

Resolved, That we now take up the seventh item of the Literary report.

Brother Collins withdrew his amendment. Brother Kesley proposed an amendment which was lost, after which the 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th items were severally adopted.

When the 12th item was under consideration Brother Thomson, moved to amend the name of the Periodical by adding after Methodist Protestant "and Family Visitor," On motion of Bro. T. C. Brown.

Resolved, That the form of the paper be folio, and not less in size than an imperial sheet. The item thus amended was adopted.

When the next item was under consideration, Brother Carey moved the following amendment: "a correct account of minutes of annual conferences officially furnished for the paper."

Brother Armstrong moved the following amendment to the above amendment. "Provided the same does not relate to the subject of slavery."

While this item was under consideration Brother T. H. Stockton asked and obtained leave of absence.

Adjourned to meet at half past seven o'clock. Prayer by Brother Carey.

Saturday evening half past 7 o'clock.

Conference met; prayer by Brother Elliott.

The President being absent Brother Woodward was called to the chair. Twenty-one present.

Brother Springer offered the following: *Resolved*, That the amendment to the amendment, and the amendment together with the item under consideration be indefinitely postponed.

After much discussion Brother Springer withdrew his resolution, Brother Armstrong withdrew his amendment to the amendment, and Brother Carey withdrew his amendment, when the 13th item was adopted as originally reported by the committee.

The 14th 15th and 16th items were adopted.

The report having been considered item by item, was, on motion of T. C. Brown, adopted.

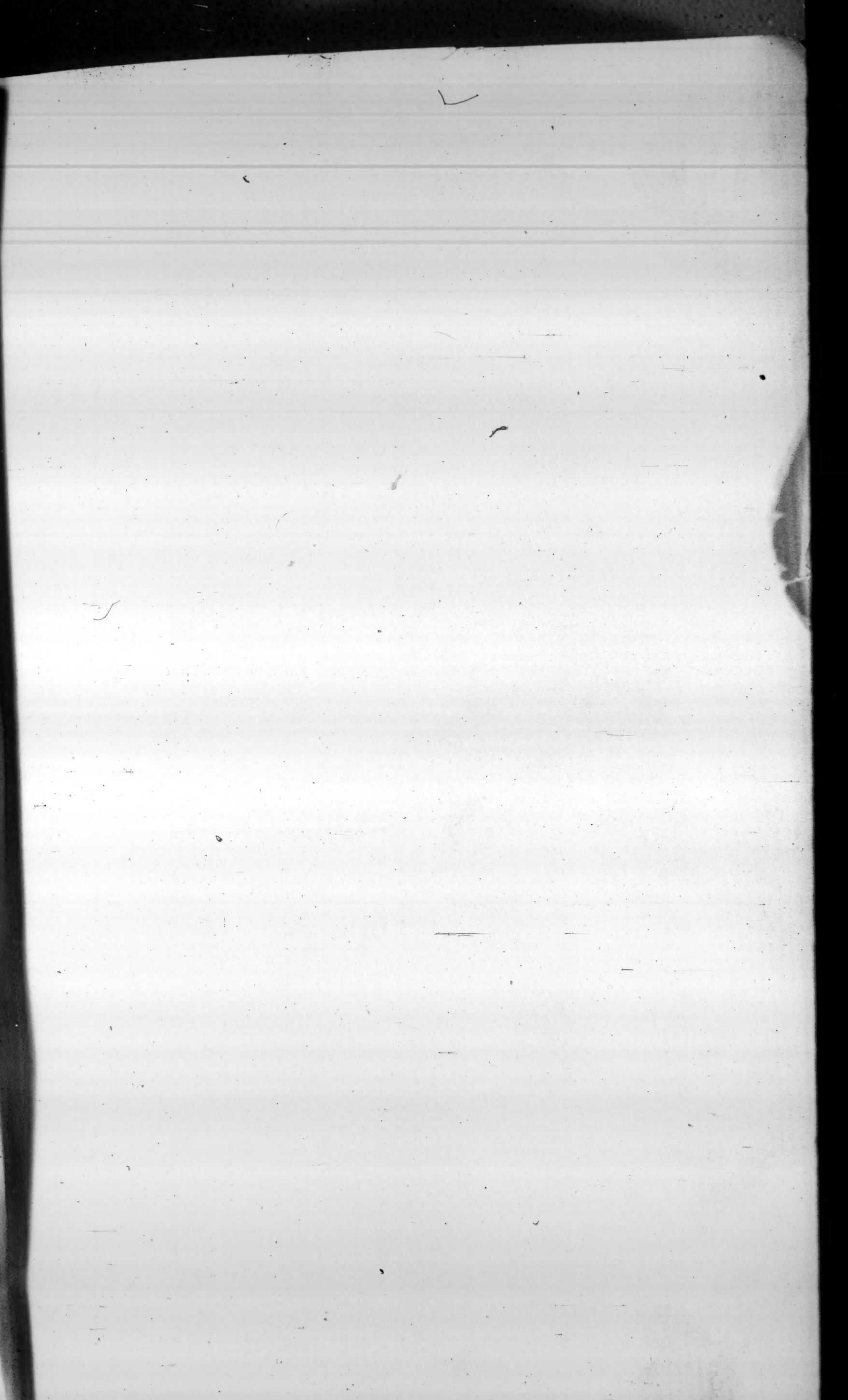
Resolved, That the Conference appoint the Editor on Monday morning immediately after reading and approving the Journal.

The resolution of T. H. Stockton was now called up and adopted, so that the next General Conference will meet in the city of Baltimore on the first Tuesday in May, 1842.

The Chairman of the committee on Boundaries made the following report, which on motion was received and laid on the table.

Your committee on Annual Conference boundaries, ask leave to report the following as the boundaries of the several Annual Conferences.

1. *Maryland District*.—The Maryland District includes all the states of Maryland and Delaware, and the District of Columbia—all that part of Pennsylvania south of the Blue Mountains and east of the Allegheny mountains—and Accomack, Northampton, Fairfax, Prince William, Loudoun, Fauquier, Jefferson, Berkley, Frederic, Hampshire, and Hardy counties, of Virginia.



Resolved, That the rule of order in relation to the appointment of committees by ballot and by the chair, be suspended for the purpose of introducing the appointment of a committee by nomination.

On motion of T. C. Brown, *Resolved*, That James R. Williams, Samuel K. Kennings, John Chappell, John Clark of Md., Dr. F. Waters, Luther J. Cox, Philip S. Chappell, Beale H. Richardson and the stationed ministers of Baltimore City and East Baltimore stations constitute the book committee.

Resolved, That the two reports on the Charleston and Washington City Churches be published in the Methodist Protestant.

On motion of brother Clark of Md., *Resolved*, That the Book Committee, or editor of the Methodist Protestant and Family Visitor, be requested to publish annually the number of subscribers to said paper in each Conference.

The report of the committee on boundaries was now called up, when, on motion of brother Cox, it was *Resolved*, To take it up item by item.

On motion of brother Springer, the 1st item was laid on the table.

On motion, the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th were severally adopted.

On motion of brother Kesley, *Resolved*, That we take up the first item of the report.

While this was under consideration, brother J. Croker was appointed assistant secretary; the former assistant being necessarily absent.

On motion of brother Kesley, *Resolved*, That brother Shinn have leave to change his vote from the negative to the affirmative, on the preamble and resolution offered by brother Clark of Ohio, on the subject of slavery.

The consideration of the report on boundaries was resumed; when, on motion of brother Woolston, *Resolved*, That all those parts of New Jersey, south of the New York district, be constituted a district to be called the New Jersey district.

The report of the committee on boundaries, thus amended, was adopted.

On motion of brother Collins, *Resolved*, That the committee on home and foreign missions be adopted.

On motion of brother Lyon, *Resolved*, That the committee to revise the discipline be dismissed, and that the business be confided to the publishing committee; and that so much of the discipline as relates to the book committee and periodical, as is inconsistent with the doings of this Conference, be repealed. And that the publishing committee be authorized to arrange the new discipline.

The journal of the day was then read and approved.

The Conference was then closed with prayer by the President.

T. C. BROWN,

S. J. HARRIS,

J. H. KENNARD,

T. H. STOCKTON,

W. KESLEY.

} Publishing Committee.

May 28th, 1838.